

REMARKS

Applicants have added new claims 4 to 10. Accordingly, claims 1 to 10 are presently pending in this patent application. Applicants now address each and every point raised by the Examiner in the above-identified Office action as follows:

I. Objection to the Oath/Declaration

The Examiner alleges that the Oath/ Declaration is defective. Applicants enclose herewith a substitute Oath including the residence information of the 3rd inventor (Mr. Rhett Hedrick), and the 5th inventor (Mr. Kevin Birch). Applicants submit that together with the originally-filed Oath/Declaration, the enclosed substitute Oath operates to cure the above-noted deficiencies and, in view thereof, respectfully request that the objection to the Oath be reconsidered with withdrawn.

II. Objection to the Abstract

The abstract of the invention has been objected to as being allegedly too long. Applicants have amended the specification as noted above to reduce the length of the abstract to conform with the noted requirements. In view thereof, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the abstract be reconsidered and withdrawn.

III. Corrections to the Specification

The Examiner has pointed out a number of corrections to be made in the specification. Applicants have amended the specification in as presented above, and in the manner suggested by the Examiner, to address these instances. In view thereof, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the abstract be reconsidered and withdrawn.

IV. Allowance of Claims

The Examiner has indicated the allowance of claims 1 to 3 pending in this application. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of these claims and hereby accept the same.

V. New Claims

New claims 4 to 10 have been added to more clearly recite the recite subject matter of the invention and is well supported in the specification of this application as originally filed. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that these new claims be entered and examined on the merits.

VI. Conclusion

For the reasons presented above, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the Oath/Declaration, and the objections to the abstract and specification be reconsidered and withdrawn, that new claims 4 to 10 be entered

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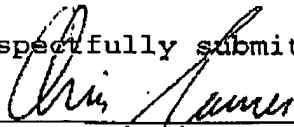
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and examined on the merits, and that these new claims be passed to allowance like claims 1 to 3.

Respectfully submitted,

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